

### **Abstract of the Disclose**

Techniques are provided for altering a sender's network transmission rates. A sender transmits a network packet to a receiver. The receiver selectively delays sending an acknowledgment to the sender for the received network packet. The selective delay is based on the priority of the sender vis-à-vis other senders or based  
5 on a desired transmission rate for the sender. The sender transmits another network packet after receiving the acknowledgment.